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To: Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC

Subject: Elimination of Morse Code Skill Requirement in Amateur Radio

Ref RM-10786 RM-10787 And related

I am opposed to elimination of all Morse code requirements for amateur radio license. The amateur communications licensee provides a reserve skill reservoir of radio operators. It is in the national interest to preserve and maintain operating skills in all communication modes including Morse code, digital techniques, and voice. The ability to operate using code in an emergency is a proven communications asset. The amateur licensee has provided a backup source for military operating in the field. In these critical times this resource must be maintained. The code is an operating skill that must not be allowed to disappear from the Amateur radio service because of a lapse in testing requirements.

Please support and retain the current Morse code testing requirements for Amateur Radio licensing.

Sincerely, Lione Morder

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